

ALMOST OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE CFO

THE 1984 4TH ANNUAL CLUCK-IN at the Dayton Hamvention was bigger and better than ever. At the Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday night we experienced glory, and glee (especially by ARRL, FCC and the FOC) as member after member received the coveted and highly regarded Annual Chicken Cluckers awards. Many vendors were present including Vibroplex, Ten Tec, DGM and Telex. More XYLs were with their honey buns and this added another 2 or 3 dimensions to the weekend. The event is getting to be a real treat! Many of the functions lasted much longer than anticipated and there was lots of interest from other groups such as the RTTY gang, and vendors including Kentucky Fried Chicken. Talk to someone who attended over the years and you will want to share the 1985 Annual CFO Cluck-In with us! There's room in the nest--it was fun and finger-lickin' good.

NETWORK NEWS: The Saturday morning SSB "Yodel Net" is doing just fine. Frank, KBØPB, says that attendance is up, conditions are good and we may even move up into the general part of the band for those who want to operate this humbling mode but now cannot. The problem is finding a spot to land and scratch. Until Frank and his able assistants find a new QRG that is not hostile, those barred from that part of the barnyard will, of course, be warmly received if they check in on CW (stands for Charlie Whiskey).

CFO BUG NIGHT CFO BUG NIGHT CFO BUG NIGHT CFO BUG NIGHT

On Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. CST on 7030 KHz (summer) or 3537 KHz (winter) those rare and deeply appreciated (depending on who you ask) bug operators gather for some scratching practice. Participation has been good with from 5 to 14 CFO ops per session. Steve, K4CJX, reports there are some real pros on this net like Joe, N9HI and Bob, W2HXI, who just retired as a WSL CW op supervisor, as well as other retired commercial bug ops. But don't let that intimidate anyone because there are also Cluckers like you and me who, if given an even break, can't hit a lick! Bug ops don't have to be CFO members to play in this coop, so you are free to invite others to come scratch and cluck too. Dust off that old bug, grease it up with lots of CF, figger out which side is dah dits and which is dah dahs, then get on with us for some fun! Remember what Tonto said, ..."a keyboard is 1/2 of a video ranger" --askum chicken man Frank, KB0P8.

CFO MEMBERSHIP has held steady for some time. This is not intentional but as some of you may know, W9WBL and his XYL have moved to Indianapolis where Stan is starting a new business. therefore the production and distribution of new membership certificates and last year's Cluck-In awards are still in the making and those membership applications will just have to QRX. If you have recommended

someone for CFO membership and nothing has happened, please let Jim, W9TO, or Steve, K4CJX, know and they will be assigned a CFO number while awaiting their almost official papers.

NEW MEMBERSHIP ROUTINE for nominating new members:

- Applicant must obtain nomination from two current members and send their calls and his own to Jim Ricks, W9TO, 2435 Marcyk Drive, Evanston, IL 60201 He or she must include call, name address, telephone number, plus any other interesting information, but no money.
- Jim will assign a CFO number to the applicant & send all the info to Doris, (W9WBL XYL) for issuing of the almost official certificates.
- 3. When the membership certificate arrives, he or she should then send in the two bux to Doris for postage and materials.
- 4. After the two bux have been sent to Doris for the membership certificate, another two bux should then be sent to Mel, KØPFX, for the annual cost of Key Clucks. This includes not only bux for purchasing corn to feed the editor and for CF to grease all the printing presses, but also pays for the Rooster(so you can see who else is nuts). Mel can be found at the office on Sundays, in the kitchen cooking on evenings or if all else fails, try: Mel Whitten, KØPFX, 3219 Haas Avenue, Bridgeton, MO 63044.

MEL ASKS: that someone who can write in a very feminine hand address the envelope without identifying the one who mailed it, then dip the letter in cheap perfume prior to mailing. His logic is that his XYL will reconsider the allocation of his time and make him stay home on the radio where she can keep an eye on him instead of running errands to the store or volunteering to crow in the community choir!

OFFICIAL MONITORING ORGS

Fritz, W4LJF, suggest we adopt a list of "user friendly" frequencies to monitor for CFO activity. Certainly Fritz is not suggesting that we use them only for monitoring and then move, that would be too complicated for CFO members! After all, it doesn't work on ARRL nets so why should we be expected to call "CQ CFO" receive an answer and then move to the side so others may do the same? All we need to remember is that if you wanna yap with another CFO type, monitor the calling QRG for QRM and then if no one is there, yell for a little visit. Maybe someone will have read this, answer your lonesome clucking and move off to the side for a QSO, unless they want some others in the coop. Then it may be okay to stay on the calling QRG. Here is the first almost official calling QRG list:

Assuming most of us will be on 80, 40 and 20, I would say leave your receiver on one of these QRGs and see what happens. If you wanna call CQ, hop on one of the CFO QRGs and let loose. If we all use this method, our CQs may end up in a big pile-up without having to buy big rigs and big antennas that attract lightening, cost too much many bux and get complaints from the zoning commission and TVI-prone neighbors.

KEY CLUCKS NEWS STORIES

Vern, W9FAM, was heard directing the 75 meter SSB "Liberty Net", promoting "all rights, privileges and benefits thereunto appertaining..." Vern seemed to be flying high, but in circles because of the lack of a left wing!

Clyde, W9EBG and Art, K2GGN have both just hatched 2-element beams at 60 plus feet (great perch!). Each has a 4-1000A amp (what! me jealous?). Both of them have agreed to write a yarn for Key Clucks on protective devices for receiver front ends and beefing up the AGC. Both have agreed under pressure to keep the 4-1000A's at orange red to red hot glow condition rather than normal white hot.

Frank, K8AA, is very proud of his son, John, WB8UJA, because on the same night on the same QRG in the same QSO, John got an S9 report as compared to Frank's S6 reading. Consistent report like these make Frank very proud of John, and Frank wishes to acknowledge his son for allowing him to design and build his son's antenna. Thanks, John!

Sad news: Steve Popp, KlOY, passed away recently. Those of us who knew Steve will miss him greatly. His CFO number will not be reissued.

Frank and Nikki (KBØPB) are the proud new grandparents of a baby girl. Frank was so excited about the event that he immediately suggested to XYL Nikki that they attempt the same. Nikki's response was less than enthusiastic and she suggested that he go and play with his radio instead. Sorry, Frank!

W4BI, father of Mel, KØPFX, has moved from sunny Florida to God's and CFO country. His move to Sevierville, Tenn. has nothing to do with gear.

Jim, W9TO, has two children in college. This took not only material resources but lots of time. He is now in the process of updating the current status of the CFO membership and assigning numbers to new members.

Doc, K2ONP, reminds us that the original CFO charter states, "...under no condition shall any individual member or committee of members operate in an organized and reasonable manner in order to produce anything on a timely basis and should such events occur, whether planned or spontaneous, shall cease immediately until either late or incorrect."

The irresponsible volunteer staff who created this "news" letter and accompanying almost official rooster had the last paragraph above clearly in mind during its preparation. No amount of clamor from an impatient membership could hurry them along or cure their procrastination one whit. Credit for the long delays is due to KØPFX, K2ONP, KBØPB, K4CJX and their respective XYLs, and to WØHKF who eventually got it printed and mailed. Members are requested to refrain from disclosing the contents of Key Clucks to the postal authorities, who probably don't have any category to place it in, not even junk mail!

Even so, encourage your fellow CFOer to remain on the "active mailing list" and ask him to send in his annual two bux to Mel--remember postage rates are going up again. We can mail another page or two though for the same price, so if there are any cluckers out there who know how to write, Key Clucks can use your yarns, stories and other flights of fancy for the edification of the membership. Send them to K4CJX, Editor, 1100 Maplehurst Lane, Nashville, TN 37204.

CFO NETS & STUFF

Those of us who get up with the chickens in the morning might try checking into the "Old Guys" CFO SSB net on 3840 daily, 8:30 a.m. CST. Frank, K8AA is NCS.

On Saturday mornings KBØPB is NCS (Net Chief Scratcher) on the "Yodel Net" on 7160 KHz. It goes from 9 a.m. til noon or until everybody is all talked out.

A guy could set up his own little contest--get on some time and try to work all CFO districts at one "setting". Or try to work "All-CFO". WOHKF has been trying in on 7033 and is up to 135 different CFO stations worked. Can anybody top it?

The giant annual <u>CFO QSO PARTY</u> has been set for all day Sunday, February 24th. Use any of the <u>Official Monitoring QRGs listed on page 2. Call "CQ CFO".</u> The almost official exchange consists of a signal strength report using "CS" instead of "RST", plus your CFO number. Use of that word "NST" is strictly prohibited!

Get on "CFO BUG NIGHT", 3537 KHz, Tuesday evenings, starting 7:00 pm, CST.

5TH ANNUAL DAYTON CLUCK-IN

For four years now the CFO goings-on have been a big part of the frantic annual activities at Dayton, Ohio. The 1985 Dayton Hamvention dates are April 26, 27 and 28, The 5th ANNUAL CLUCK-IN is now being planned by the CFO Ground Scratching Committee to take place at the Dayton Hamvention, as always. To reserve your room at the Imperial House, North please send \$55 bux deposit to Steve Waterman K4CJX, 1100 Maplehurst Lane, Nashville, TN 37204. Make the check payable to the Imperial House, North and specify how many days you intend to stay. Also if you plan to attend the CFO Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday night be sure to so indicate.

ROOM RESERVATION REQUEST	YOUR CALL /CFO #	H					
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during the Dayton Hamvention	Full Name						
April 26-27-28, 1985.	and the second of the second o						
Include requested info and mail	Number of rooms needed						
with \$55.00 check to K4CJX at	Number 1 data						
the above address.	Arrival date						
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AWARDS DINNER RESERVATION	YOUR CALL CFO #						
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Saturday evening, April 27.	NUMBER OF PERSONS IN PARTY						

Send NO MONEY at this time for the Awards Dinner reservation. However the committee must know well in advance how many to plan for. You can't send this in

Use the same address as above, viz:

too early!

Steve Waterman, K4CJX, 1100 Maplehurst Lane, Nashville, TN 37204

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	HENRY	804		N4FG	FRED	265	VA	W5GRJ	JIMMY	452	LA
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